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1. CHINA: Chiang Kai-shek thought approaching senility--US Embassy Nanking transmits the observation of Ambassador Stuart's personal adviser that Chiang Kai-shek has become a tired old man, "incapable of meeting effectively the responsibilities he has assumed." Stuart's adviser, who has observed Chiang closely during the past two years, reports that recently he has noticed a decided approach to senility. The adviser, who believes that Chiang is losing prestige daily and "inevitably" will be removed from authority sooner or later, takes the view that without the Generalissimo at the head of the state China might relapse into regionalism. He suggests that some way might be found to persuade Chiang to renounce the emergency powers he now possesses and to seek a strong prime minister who would provide the requisite leadership. The Embassy comments that Chiang has dominated the scene in China for so long that no other person of the caliber necessary to assume such leadership has appeared.

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